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IN THE NEWS

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And when you have built enough ships, you gain the mastery of the seas.

And when you control the sea routes, you control trade.

Then you grow rich and strong—prosperous and adventurous.

Then with ships and men and gold you conquer distant lands and become an empire.

So it was with Crete, and so with England, and so with Japan.

IN ANCIENT days the island of Crete ruled the Eastern Mediterranean.

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But myths are merely elemental facts elaborated into romantic tales.

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But the fact can generally be sifted from the fancy, and the outline of historical truth winnowed from the chaff of dreams.

So we have found that the excavations which disclose the life and art and architecture of a people in an era that is passed generally prove rather than disprove the legends, but render them into reasonableness and reality.

FROM the excavations in Crete the story of Theseus is largely verified.

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MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 25—(A. P.)—The Federal Bureau of Investigation announced today that 29 Germans, Italians and Japanese were taken into custody in a series of 10 raids here.

6 Survivors Here Tell How 17 Died After Torpedoing

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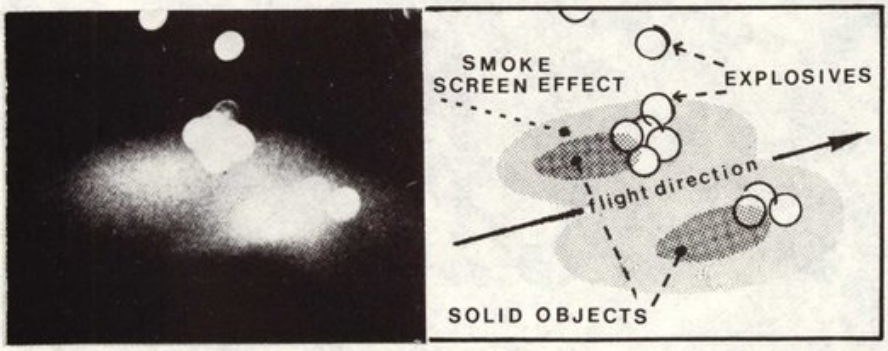

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L.A. AREA RAIDED!

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Alarm Real, Says Army; 'Raid' Mystery Unsolved

Official Secrecy Cloaks Supposed Visitation of Enemy Planes and Bombardment of Skies

Los Angeles Fires at Unseen Foe In Reported Aircraft Invasion

Contemporary newsclippings: LOS ANGELES TIMES and THE NEW YORK TIMES. (February 25, 26, 1942.)

Conclusion:

- Western Defense Command insisted that of the UNIDENTIFIED AIR FORCE was registered by the Air Defense, and that they were NOT AMERICAN AIRPLANES.
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Chandler and Jimmy Welch have a fishing contest that dates away back when. Each tries to get the biggest and the most fish . . . for some reason best known to fishermen.

Last Sunday Welch went fishing. He not only selected a day which was too windy for fishing anyway, but went to Hidden lake near Bard, apparently thinking no one would know about his expedition.

The boat turned over and Welch was given a dunking, so he says. But Chandler doesn't believe his story. Chandler contends that Welch forgot his fishing hawk and had to dive for his fish. And diving for fish isn't in the contest.

The Darlings—

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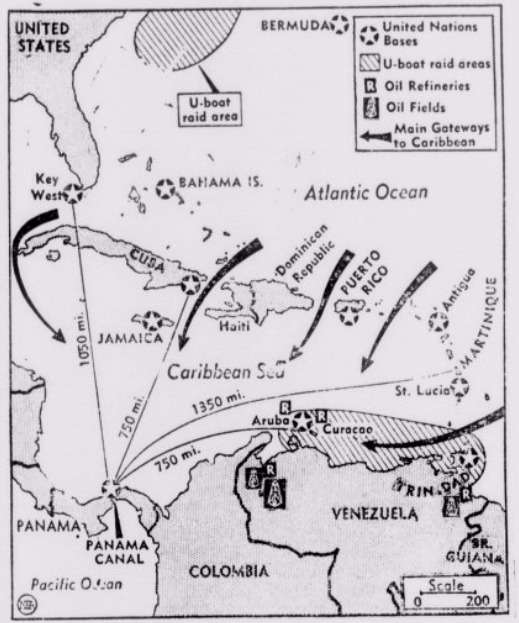

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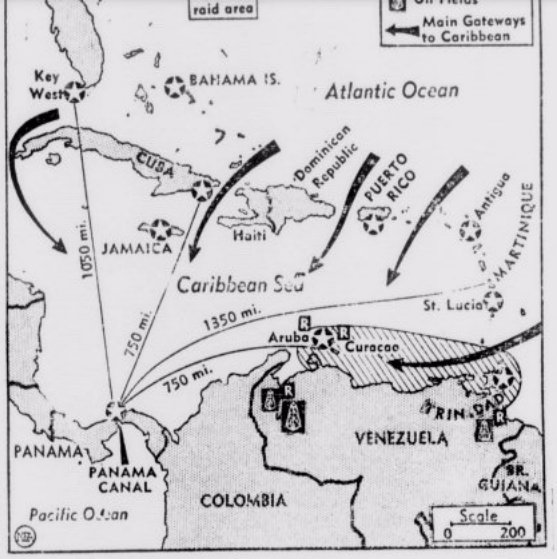

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SEARCH BIG JOB

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Last Dec. 21 Secretary of Navy Frank Knox announced that 14 German submarines probably had been sunk or damaged by American naval forces operating in the Atlantic. In that report Knox did not disclose the number of submarines attacked.

56 ATTACKS MADE

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March quotas of tires and tubes for all vehicles and retreads for trucks were announced for Imperial county Thursday by Harry Camp, regional director in the office of price administration.

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The California tire quota for passenger cars, motorcycles, and light trucks was 7,617 and the tube quota was 6,376. New tires for trucks and buses totaled 18,261 and new tubes for them totaled 20,524. The retread total for trucks was 7,859

Experts in China Believe Japs Plan Russian Invasion

CHUNGKING, CHINA, Feb. 26 (UP)—Well informed American, British and Chinese military experts expressed belief today that Japan would attack Russia through Siberia within two months. Russian sources likewise expressed belief that the attack would come but declined to speculate on its date.

Most of the experts, however, based their opinion on the belief that it was imperative for Japan to protect its flank and remove the danger of a Russian attack or of an arrangement by which United States planes might be based in Siberia.

The experts said they believed Japan would attack Russia as soon as the invasion of the Netherlands East Indies had taken a decided turn in its favor and that the attack would be made before any attempt to conquer India or Australia.

They said also that an invasion of Australia was not of vital immediate importance to Japan, because it had occupied Timor and occupation of New Guinea would make Darwin, in northern Australia, untenable as a major naval base without control of the air.

WASHINGTON 'ALERT'

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26. (UP)—The police radio system here carried an air raid alert warning at 1:31 a.m. EWT today, but the origin of the signal was a mystery.

CARROTS AGAIN

Pirates Gobble 'em Up

By THE POST-PRESS CRYSTAL BALL CORRESPONDENT

U. S. A., Fall, 1942 (Special)—The Pittsburgh Pirates today set a record that not only never has been equaled in the long and glamorous history of big league baseball, but a record that probably never will be tied in all the milleniums to come.

The Pirates won the world series by defeating the American League champions four in a row, with an average score per game of 37 to 0.

Here's what happened:

The Pirates did a part of their spring training this year in Imperial Valley (El Centro to be exact) and taking a tip from the Royal Air Force and Clark Griffith, they ate nothing, absolutely nothing, for the entire training period but Imperial Valley carrots.

No spinach, no broccoli, no cabbage, no artichokes, no dandelion greens. Just carrots.

IT'S HISTORY

It seems that the Royal Air Force discovered that a carrot diet improved the night eyes of its fliers and so the RAF now serves nothing but carrots.

Clark Griffith, headman of the touch with Martin Wahl, the produce man, and Wahl started making regular deliveries of raw carrots to the Pirates' dressing room.

CARROTS BY HANDSFUL

It was a common sight after that to see the Pirates batting, throwing and fielding balls with one hand, while the other hand and the mouth were filled with Wahl's carrots. Manager Cedric Durst of the San Diego Padres, whose team shared the El Centro ball yard with the Pirates, thought the whole thing was silly at first, but near the end of the training season he got hep and started dishing out carrots to his own players.

You know what happened in September, 1942. The Padres won the Pacific Coast league championship, and every single member of the team is being sought avidly by every big league club in the nation.

It was all a matter of perfect eyesight, said perfect eyesight hav-

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Blast at Junior FDR Draws Fire

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26. (UP)—Rep. William T. Pheiffer, R., N. Y., charged in the house today that Lieut. Franklin D. Roosevelt, jr., son of the President, is being accorded "favored treatment" by the navy.

Pheiffer said young Roosevelt was given a month's shore leave after he underwent an appendectomy last week. Similar treatment, he charged, would not be accorded sons of poor families.

He asserted the leave was an example of "favored treatment" generally granted the sons of prominent families by the navy. He added that naval commissions have given to favored youths "on a silver platter."

The charge drew a sharp rebuke from House Democratic Leader John W. McCormack, Mass., who described it as an effort to "undermine respect for the President" in the public mind.

McCormack added it was "unfair snipping" at the President's sons, "who are seeking the most hazardous duties that can be assigned them."

He asked that future utterances from the house floor be "tolerant and temperate." Congressman, he said, are "playing with the future of the country" by employing such tactics.

Reps. Clifton Woodrum, D., Va., and Joe Hendricks, D., Fla., told the house that young Roosevelt received the same treatment accorded any other member of the navy.

positive claims of sinkings, but in those cases where it "believes" submarines have been sunk or damaged the substantiating evidence has been "excellent," the spokesman said.

Last Dec. 21 Secretary of Navy Frank Knox announced that 14 German submarines probably had been sunk or damaged by American naval forces operating in the Atlantic. In that report Knox did not disclose the number of submarines attacked.

56 ATTACKS MADE

Knox reported yesterday that in 56 attacks during January and the first 23 days of February, the navy was believed to have destroyed three submarines and damaged four. Some evidence of success in the other attacks was not conclusive.

There is a gap of 10 days in the time covered by the two Knox statements. A navy spokesman said it was quite probable that four or five attacks were made on enemy submarines during that period—from Dec. 21 to Jan. 1.

The navy has observed a policy of not announcing submarine counter-measures until it is reasonably certain that the enemy is aware of its losses. Whether there have been attacks since Monday was not re-

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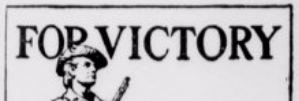

'Little Red Ladies' in U. S